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REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is submitted in reply to Office Action dated April 14, 2006, in which the Examiner:

rejected claims 1, 4, 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,494,966 to Twardowsky; and

indicated claims 2-3 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 8-11 having been previously withdrawn, claims 1-7 are currently pending. Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form, including the recitations of the original claim 1, and claim 1 has been amended to include the claim 2 recitations. Claim 2 has been cancelled. Minor, non-substantive amendments have been made to claims 4 and 7 for conformity with U.S. practice, which do not affect the scope of these claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claims 1 and 3 are allowable, at least pursuant to the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Claims 4-7 each depend, directly or indirectly, from one of the allowable claims 1 and 3, and are therefore also allowable for at least this reason. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1, 4, 6 and 7 be withdrawn, and claims 1 and 3-7 be passed to issue.

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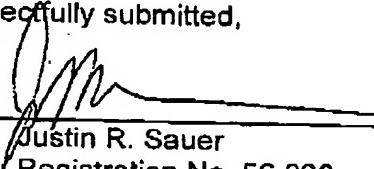
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Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this Amendment and Response. If any fees are deemed necessary, authorization is hereby granted to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

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